

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Carolyn Downs has used her position of prominence in our state to create awareness, bring hope, and provide help to people most in need; and,

Whereas, Carolyn is the proud Grandmother of Alex, mother of Brian, Allison, and "Molly", wife of Ron, and friend to thousands of Banquet guests who she has welcomed on a first name basis over the past 20 years; and,

Whereas, Carolyn should be commended, and perhaps investigated, for spending an inordinate amount of time on her computer each day sending both funny and questionable jokes to her 200 closest friends; and,

Whereas, Carolyn holds the world record for singing "Bless Our Friends, Bless Our Food" to the tune of "Edelweiss" for thousands of volunteers; and,

Whereas, Carolyn can spot a crooked table cloth from 100 yards away; and,

Whereas, A 40-hour work week is for wimps, it has been 100 hours or more for "Carolyn the Overachiever"; and,

Whereas, Carolyn has been especially mindful of The Banquet's youngest guests, and took on the extra work of collecting school supplies and serving breakfast to make sure that all students have an equal opportunity to learn; and,

Whereas, Carolyn is to be commended for her untiring, dedicated, and heartfelt commitment to The Banquet, where shedding tears and sharing hugs are required for an encounter with Carolyn;

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2008, as


CAROLYN DOWNS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

